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Re: Enclosed Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116  
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/642,667  
Docket No.: 03186-1/2002-239455

Dear Examiner Novacek:

Enclosed for filing is an Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116 in response to the Final Office Action mailed on May 18, 2005, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,

  
James E. Howard

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For: METHOD FOR FABRICATING A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING A  
TAPERED-MESA SIDE-WALL FILMHonorable Commissioner of Patents  
Box AF  
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-11 and 13-29 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 11 and 29 are amended to more clearly define the invention and claim 12 is canceled. Claims 1, 6, and 11 are independent.